

NOTES AND NEWS.

M. CASIMIR ROUMEGUERE, editor of the *Revue Mycologique* died recently at his home in Toulouse.

THE DIRECTOR of the botanical gardens of Palermo, A. Todaro, died on the 18th of April last. His successor is Dr. Hermann Ross.

DR. EDUARD REGEL, director of the Imperial Botanical Garden at St. Petersburg died on the 27th of April, at the age of 77. He has been director of the St. Petersburg garden for nearly 40 years.

THE CLAIMS of *Ulota Ameriacna* to autonomy are discussed by Dr. G. Venturi in a recent number of the *Revue Bryologique*, where he also considers several forms of American *Orthotricha* collected by Röhl and others in the northwest.

THE SUMMER CLASSES in botany at Martha's Vineyard, under the instruction of Mr. Edward S. Burgess, will be held this year as usual, meeting from July 11 to August 12. Courses in structural and systematic botany and in histological botany will be offered.

DR. A. ZAHLBRUCKNER has examined the changes proposed in certain genera of lichens by Kunze in his already notorious *Revisio Generum Plantarum*. Two of the names proposed are accepted; two are to be replaced by others of earlier date; and two, in spite of their priority, cannot be accepted, as they do not coincide with the modern genera.

MR. M. C. COOKE announces a handbook of Australian fungi of 500 octavo pages and thirty-six partly colored plates. It is published under the authority of the several governments of the Australian colonies, and only eighty copies are reserved for sale in Europe and America. The price is thirty shillings (about \$7.50). It may be ordered from the author.

THE THIRD annual banquet in memory of Henry Shaw was given by the trustees of the Missouri Botanical Garden at the Mercantile club in St. Louis on May 19. About eighty-five guests, of whom fifteen were from other places, sat down to tables most beautifully decorated with orchids, cut flowers, potted plants and smilax. After an elaborate and elegant dinner, addresses were made by Dr. J. D. Butler, of Madison, Wis., Revs. Stimson and Snyder, of St. Louis, and D. C. Hart Merriam, of Washington. Chancellor Chaplin, of Washington University, presided.

A SERIES of 15 lectures and field meetings will be held at the Arnold Arboretum during May and June for the purpose of supplying popular instruction about the trees and shrubs which grow in New England. They began on Saturday, May 7th, and will close June 25th. They will be conducted by Mr. J. G. Jack. After a review of the plants to be especially observed during the meeting the class will adjourn to the plantations and the nurseries of the Arboretum for an informal study of the plants themselves. An hour and a half to two hours will be devoted to each meeting. An autumn course of fifteen meetings will be given from September 7th to October 26th. This course will give an opportunity for studying many of the trees and shrubs in fruit, their autumn foliage, and their buds and general appearance as they prepare for winter.